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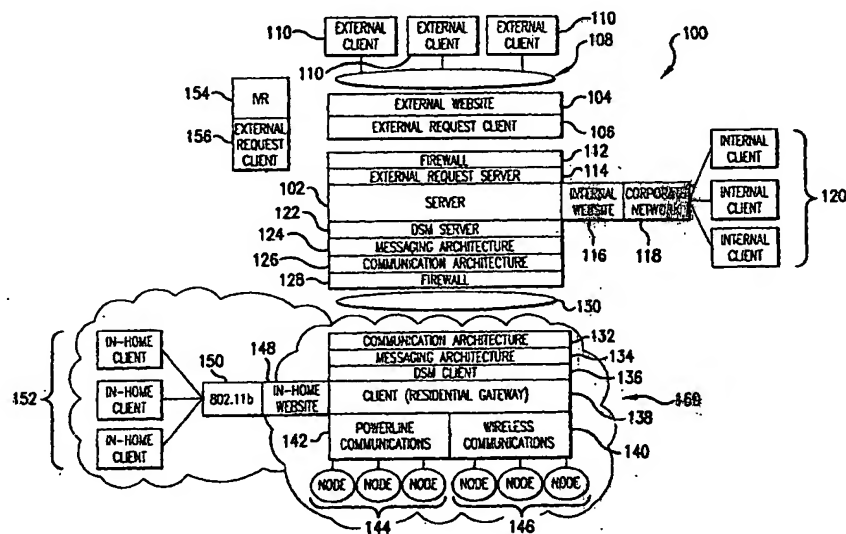
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(57) Abstract: A state based control system (100) is provided for use with unreliable physical device sensor inputs. The system (100) includes symmetrical architectures between a client side and a server side. Communications between both architectures are state dependent thus minimizing conflicts, and reducing system reliance on consistent device signaling. Physical devices (144, 146) are represented by surrogates which increase system reliability, deepen complexity, and simplify end user experience.

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